10.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation	134.10

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs) 1992-93 to 1995-96
11.	Development of Tropical and Temperate Fruits	i 99.30
12.	Development of Spices	96.24
13.	Use of plastics in Agriculture	1045.12
14.	Development of Commercial Floriculture	10.15
15.	Development of Vegetables	25.92
16.	Development of Betelvine	2.50
17.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas	3623.94
18.	National Project on Development of Fertiliser use in Low consumption and rainfed areas	7.57
19.	Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilisers	43.00
20.	National Project on Development and use of Bio Fertilisers	12.50
21.	Soil Conservation in Catchment of River Valley Project	939.00
22.	Reclamation of Alkali Soils	201.00
23.	Oilseeds Production Programme	2706.40
24.	National Pulses Development Project	270.86
25.	Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Implementation of various Schemes for Development of Infrastructure	2066.00
26.	Timely Reporting of Estimates of Area and Production of Crops	53.47
27.	Improvement of Crops Statistics	42.38
28.	Crops Estimation Survey on Fruits, Vegetables and Major Crops and Diagnostic Studies	71.97
29.	Assisting States in Conducting Livestock Census	30.69
30.	Agricultural Census Scheme 1990-91	81.49
	TOTAL:	15645.84

Visit of a Central Team to the Regional Potato Farm, MAO, Manipur

1624. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a central team of scientists had visited the Regional Potato Farm, Mao, Manipur to study the feasibility of establishing Potato Breed Seed Production Farm;

(b) if so, whether recommendations of the team have been submitted to Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Question does not arise.

Production-oriented programmes in Bihar

1625. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment are implementing several production-oriented programmes for various crops in the State of Bihar, to raise the rate of growth of productivity in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way the State Government of Bihar is extending its cooperation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) For increasing the productivity and production of crops, the following Central

Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in Bihar State:—

(i) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas.

(ir) Special Jute Development Programme.

(iii) Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems.

(iv) Central Sector Seed Minikit Programme on Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals.

(v) National Pulses Development Project.

(vi) Oilseeds Production Programme.

(c) The Programmes are being implemented through the State department of agriculture. State Government is also contributing their matching share in the implementation of the programmes.

किसानों द्वारा फलों, सब्जियों आदि के संग्रहण की योजनाएं

1626. श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या प्रत्येक वर्ष किसानों के 15 हजार करोड़ रुपये लागत के फल और सब्जियां आदि खराब हो जाती हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार किसी ऐसी योजना के निमार्ण की योजना बना रही है ताकि किसानों को इस संबंध में राहत मिले;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) इस संबंध में कोई विशेष सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया गया है। तथापि डा. एम. एस. स्वामीनाथन की "नाशवान कृषि जिसे (1981)" शीर्षक वाली रिपोर्ट के अनुसार प्रति वर्ष फलों एवं सब्जियों की कटाई उपरान्त क्षति 3000 से 4000 करोड़ रुपए तक होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) नाशवान उत्पादों की कटाई उपरांत क्षति को कम करने तथा किसानों को अधिक लाभकारी मूल्य दिलाने के लिए भारत सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय बागवानी बोर्ड के माध्यम से बागवानी उत्पादों के (1) रख रखाव आदि (2) विपणन के लिए अवसंरचना तैयार करने हेतु आठवीं योजना में क्रमश: 47.00 करोड़ रुपए एवं 50.00 करोड़ रुपए के परिव्यय से दो उदार ऋण योजनाएं पहले ही शुरू की हैं। इसके अलावा कृषि एवं प्रसंस्करित खाद्य निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण फल प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय, राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम इत्यादि जैसी अन्य एजेंसियों ने भी इस संबंध में योजनाएं शुरू की है।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Changes in the existing cooperative laws

1627. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to bring changes in the existing cooperative laws in the country;

(b) the reasons for delay in bringing changes in the cooperative laws, as suggested by a number of Committees appointed by Government; and

(c) the main areas where changes are necessary?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) "Cooperative Societies" is a State subject and only the respective State Governments are competent to bring changes in their State Cooperative Societies Acts. So far as the Central Government is concerned, it is proposed to bring changes in the Multi-State Co-operative Societies act, 1984 (A Central Act).

(b) Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 is comparatively a new legislation and it has been decided to replace the existing: Act by a new legislation on the lines of recommendations of reports of "Model Cooperatives Act" Committee and recently constituted 'Advisory Committee on Cooperation'.

(c) The main areas where the changes have been felt necessary are; incorporation of Cooperative Principles in the Statute, procedure for registration of a Multi-State Cooperative Society to enable the cooperatives to promote subsidiary organisations, restriction on holding of office in a Multi-State Cooperative Society, power of the Central Government to issue directives, supersession of Board of Directors of a Multi-State Cooperative Society, representation of a cooperative society or another Multi-State Co-operative Society in the meeting of general